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## LOCAL NEWS.

Gen. Ruggles is here, and will leave for Texas on Wednesday evening.

Boys, you must not go "on change so often." You can't get up a "corner on Silver."

**A SLIGHT MISTAKE.**—At this time we do not know of a single county in this State which is paying either interest or principle promptly and according to promise.—St. Louis Republican.

We have a very valuable poem written by 'Mitto' a lady friend in New York on a sleigh ride, but owing to its length and the press of matter we are forced to leave it out, although it is well worth an insertion.

We have just rec'd a valuable and interesting communication from the Hon. A. H. Buckner Congressman from this district. He among other statements says that affairs are now in a very precarious condition, but that the House will do its duty like men, like Democrats, in spite of Grant or bayonets.

### Married.

At the residence of the brides father, Audrain county Mo., Dec. 12th 1876, by Elder J. H. Hardin, Mr. J. W. Rule of New London to Miss Rebecca Ann Cartmell of Audrain county.

We understand that one of our young friends has received a bill for coal burned at the residence of his fair lady. We thought them such warm friends that they would do without fuel or light.

The fair misses of Hardin College will be glad to have any of the Westminster sons passing through this city on Dec. 21st, to remain over to the festival. Boys, if you do, you will never regret it. You will meet some of the smartest and fairest maids with whom you ever chatted. Come over, boys, and make it interesting.

Blum & Son have on hand, and for the next thirty days will sell at cost, the following articles and many others too numerous to mention:

One hundred suits of clothes,  
75 overcoats.  
Corsets of every variety.  
50 styles of shawls.  
500 different kinds of ties.  
50 doz. children's hose.  
40 doz. nubbies.  
30 boxes of gloves.

In fact everything that can be found in a first class clothing and notion house, will be sold at Blum & Son's, west side public square, for the next 30 days, at cost.

Here is the place to buy some useful and elegant presents. 34-1f

**JUGGED AT LAST.**—Dr. French, Capt. Hickerson and Mr. Shields of this city have all been summoned to Warrenton this eve, as witnesses against W. A. Mead, formerly of this city, who now is in durance vile in the Warrenton lock up. Mead while in this city kept the eating "house on wheels," at the depot commonly known as "Hell's Kitchen." While in this city he displayed two gold watches and even endeavored to pawn them with Dr. French. One of them was a \$200 watch, and by the inscription showed it to be an heirloom, so the Dr. would not take it, although offered to him for \$20.00. Now it appears that the watches had been stolen from a man in Warrenton. A colored woman is now in the pen serving out her term for stealing the watches this fellow stole and swore she took, for he said he saw her take them, etc. Mead is a grand scoundrel. He stole a fine \$2,000 horse not long since, and will have to answer for that also. He is from Vincennes Ind. His address will soon be W. A. Mead, formerly of Vincennes, Ind., now in the penitentiary, Missouri.

Now we are informed by B. R. Locke that this county never has failed to meet its obligations. Always paying its interest when due and liquidating the principal till it is now a mere nominal sum.

## Oh, Ye Grangers,

And ye that are not Grangers,

### TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

WORTH OF

## BOOTS & SHOES

To be slaughtered at the old stand of  
**WILLIAMS & REED.**

## Best Boot in Mexico,

For \$3.25, well worth \$4; and is a far better boot than you have been buying at \$3.50 and \$4.

## An Extra Good Shoe

For women, only \$1.50; and all other Boots and Shoes in proportion.

**W. F. REED,**  
Mexico, Mo.

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## THE WEEKLY LEDGER

Largest and Best Paper in Audrain county.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings of the City Council, Monday night, December 11th, 1876. Council met in regular session. All members present except Mr. Ewing. Mayor presided.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Subject of interest on public debt laid over till next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, Street Commissioner was ordered to construct sidewalk on south side promenade street in East Mexico, in front of Hamilton Hall's property, also on north side of same street, in front of J. M. Gordon's property.

City Weigher authorized to purchase 500 pound weight for city scales in place of that lost.

City Attorney required to make an abstract of Whilly street between Washington and Jefferson.

Subject of Haffey family, paupers, referred to the Mayor and Mr. Tucker, who were authorized to consult with county court concerning their keeping.

Accounts were allowed as follows: Street Commissioners account consolidated, \$50 31

Provisions for paupers, 8 95

On motion of Mr. Evans an assessment of \$27.15 for street taxes was made against Mr. J. M. Bush's property, situated on south side of Promenade street, in East Mexico. Same declared lean on his property.

On motion of Mr. Evans, the Street Commissioner and Marshal were required to ascertain amount due the city from constructing sidewalks on south side Liberty street from Union street east, also amount actually due certain parties for old side walks.

City Attorney was required to prepare an ordinance giving street Commissioner additional powers in cases of repairs on side walks.

The Recorder was directed to notify Mr. D. E. Shea to replace city maps in council chamber.

Adjourned to meet regularly.

Approved and a lot of groceries and salt received at Null & Nelson.

The Brooklyn theatre burned last week and about 200 persons killed.

### SOIREE.

The Philharmonic Club of this city met on last Friday night at the Martin House. Miss Anna Silver in the chair.

Owing to the unexpected meeting of the society all performers were excused.

Mr. T. Mitchell was elected an active member.

Mr. Stanhope and wife were elected honorary members. After election of members recess of 5 minutes when Mrs. Glandon nee Miss Katie Martin assisted by "Joe" produced refreshments, adding much to the enjoyment of the evening, judging from the justice paid them.

After recess the following performers were appointed by the Secretary.

Readers.—Miss Hafford, Miss Brooks, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Fry. Paper.—Miss Lou Wordwell assisted by Messrs. Lock and J. Guthrie.

Instrumental Music.—Miss Carrie Dunson.

Song.—Miss Lizzie Silver.

Recitation.—Miss Anna Silver.

Essay.—Miss Monroe.

Critic.—Mr. Llewellyn.

Mr. T. Mitchell was elected Vice-President, no further business being before the meeting the house adjourned to meet at the Ringo House on Friday night, Dec. 15.

After adjournment all indulged in a general tete a tete. Our thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Glandon for the pleasant evening spent in their parlors.

We trust that on next Club night all will come prepared to perform their duty thus each adding to the enjoyment of the evening.

Miss Anna Silver President, R. M. White Sec.

Mr. Rodemeyer, having returned to Centralia, will commence the republication of the Guard at that place about New Year's. Mr. R. is regarded as an excellent newspaper man.

The Cheapest Cash Harness House in Mexico.

## A. F. RYERSON,

Having re-opened his old stand, north aide square, up stairs, would call the attention of farmers and all others in want of Harness for cash, to the following prices.

Self adjusting harness.....	\$28 00	Wrought bits from 25c to.....	75
Folded pad harness.....	25 00	Lines 18 feet long 1 inch wide... 2 50	
Short tug harness.....	26 00	Flat saddles, from.....	\$6 00 to 10 00
The celebrated Ryerson collar. 2 00		Kilgore " ".....	6 50 to 10 00
Double headstall riding bridles 1 50		Patent side saddles.....	7 00 to 12 00
Racking bits.....	20	Old style " ".....	7 00 to 12 00

Whips, spurs and all other articles usually kept in a first-class establishment, very low for cash. None but the best oak leather used.

**ALL WORK WARRANTED FOR TWO YEARS.**  
I Trust the above prices will convince all that I mean business. Call and examine my work. 33-1f

### Little Locals.

McKean the gun-smith has moved into his new shop by the Post Office.

The City drug store has a new sign. The letters are gold leaf on a dark back ground. It presents a 'nobby' appearance and is in harmony with the rest of the establishment.

Mr. Locke has our thanks for favors this week.

Judge Tineher and daughter of Callaway have gone to California.

Col. Taylor has returned from California where he has been for the past 3 or 4 years.

So 'you like LEDGER.' Glad to hear it. Call up and subscribe. We will give you more reading matter than you ever had in a paper in this county.

Some of the country boys when they come in town on a cold Saturday get too much 'Fire Water.' Some of these days they will get counted in to the calaboose.

This is rather cool weather for the movers and tramps.

Let us have peace.

Call up and let us print you some of the noblest New Year cards you ever laid your blinkers on.

Audrain Grange meets at the Salt River Grange on next Friday, Dec. 15th, at 10 o'clock.

The grangers in this vicinity have reduced rat killing to a science.

What would be your opinion of a man that would take a county paper for 1 or 2 years, or for even 6 months and then sneak off and not pay for it? Any man that will take a county paper or any other paper and not pay for it would steal the coppers off his dead grandmothers eyes, and curse her because they were not dollars.

Don't any one run off with Mitchell Bros. sign to get the gold leaf.

We will take wood in exchange for our paper.

Shake! 'Doug' I knew you would bring old Philaethia out all right.

'St. Elmo' is waiting anxiously for a letter from 'Edna.'

Look out for counterfeit 5 dollar bills.

Philharmonic meets at the Ringo House to-morrow (Friday) night.

If you don't think Mexico is putting on airs look at our new elevator.

W. Tineher druggist at the Fulton Lunatic Asylum, was in this city last Saturday visiting his sister who is matron at Hardin College.

Some one informs us of a healthy hog weighing 300 lbs and having no liver, now we can't account for this but we can account for a swine killed in this city not long since, having no lights, the old lady had scalded its eyes out for rooting in the garden.

Corn is now \$1 50 per barrel.

'Go ahead with your rat killing.'

All kinds of Job work done at this office, neatly and at living prices.

A sample copy of the LEDGER can be obtained either at this office or at Willie Frost's reading room free.

### Mercury falling.

Fuel rising.

Mr. Erwin of Callaway formerly connected with the Fulton Mail was robbed of a gold watch while on his way from Chicago.

Two nearly new farm wagons were sold by B. T. Rodman on the street last Saturday for about \$65.00 each.

The new church at Fulton is one of the finest edifices west of St. Louis.

Bob Buckner, of Callaway passed this city on Monday with one cam load of cattle and one of sheep and one of hogs. He is one of Callaway's brag stock men.

Mr. Tom Williams made us a pleasant business call on Monday. He is one of Audrain's standard farmers and is Democratic to the back bone.

Charlie Thompson, of Benton City made us a pleasant call last Monday.

About 4 o'clock each day our streets are just thronged with children on their way home from school. You have no idea how many children there are in Mexico till you see them all together.

There is to be a grand concert and festival at Hardin College on Friday night Dec. 22d. All are invited to attend.

Our town clock got on a 'bus' last Monday and struck 78 times without taking a rest.

Mr. Bantz our enterprising St. Louis Boot & Shoe man is bound to stir up business so he offers to take in trade at the highest market prices all kinds of poultry, butter, eggs &c.

Club meets to-morrow night at the Ringo House.

Mr. Gilliland, of the firm of Day & Gilliland, of Farber, made us a pleasant call on Friday. Mr. Gilliland is a true business man and is driving a good trade.

Any one having coal and wishing to take our paper or advertise his coal can pay for the same in coal.

Lawyer Kennan has our thanks for substantial favors this week.

Don't forget the festival at Hardin College Friday night Dec. 22d.

W. A. Mead who formerly kept a cold hash house at the depot is now hashing it in Warrenton jail, see account elsewhere.

Mrs. Lawhead is much better this week.

Lawyers McFarlane and Duncan are attending court at Danville.

Jones the house mover is moving the shed formerly used by Mr. Coatsworth as ware house for lime, out to Landon Craigs.

A new steam corn sheller and grist mill has been established just in the rear of the Cromwell house by W. Fowles. They start out as if they meant business.

Read Barr's column ad and profit by it.

Read Blum & Son's ad on local page they are selling at cost for a few days their entire stock of goods. Call at once and you will purchase at gains. They have everything in the clothing line.

P. C. Skelly made a pleasant call yesterday. I saw a man good to deal with men of his character.

## Down go the Prices

—OF—

### Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps & Gloves

## N. Lackland,

East side square, Mexico, Mo.,

Offers his entire stock

## At Cost for 30 Days

From December 18th consisting of

## \$20,000 WORTH

OF

## BOOTS, SHOES

### Hats, Caps and Gloves.

## Which Must be Sold

This is no humbug, for we mean what we say, as all know who bought at our first clearing sale.

## COME & SEE FOR YOURSELF